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REVEALS AN EXTENSION OF THE ROAD SOUTH FROM SAM NEUA, LAOS AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY OBSERVED 2.8 NM NORTH OF THE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING ROUTE 61 WHICH EXTENDS NORTH FROM BAN BAN ON ROUTE 7. THE HISTORY AND ALIGNMENT OF THIS ROAD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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1. ALIGNMENT OF THE ROAD SOUTHWEST OF SAM NEUA AS OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (REF A & B) IS AS FOLLOWS: A ROAD FOLLOWING THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 6 EXTENDED FROM SAM NEUA SOUTHWEST THEN SOUTH/SOUTHEAST TO MUANG HAM AT 2019N 10401E (UTM UH975474). THE ROAD CONTINUED FROM MUANG HAM FOLLOWING THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 68 TO A POINT 13.5 NM SOUTHWEST OF MUANG HAM AND CONNECTED THE FOLLOWING POINTS: 2016N 10403E (UTM VH006420), 2010N 10355E (UTM UH863312), 2009N 10355E (UTM UH846298), AND 2011N 10350E (UTM UH793321). THE ROAD CONTINUED SOUTHWEST FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 6 TO 2009N

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10349E (UTM UH763297). IT THEN EXTENDED GENERALLY SOUTHWEST FROM ROUTE 6 TO ITS TERMINUS AT 2002N 10342E (UTM UH654161), 29.5 NM SOUTHWEST OF SAM NEUA.

2. [REDACTED] (REF C) VEHICLE TRACKS WERE OBSERVED EXTENDING 0.2 NM SOUTH OF THE AFORMENTIONED TERMINUS TO UTM UH653157. A TRAIL AND POSSIBLE CLEARING OPERATIONS WERE OBSERVED SOUTH TO APPROXIMATELY 2000N 10342E (UTM UH651122). NO RIVER CROSSING WAS NOTED AT NAM NEUN (RIVER).

3. [REDACTED] A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PROBABLE BRIDGE WAS OBSERVED ACROSS THE NAM NEUN (RIVER) AT 2001N 10343E (UTM UH661152). A ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION EXTENDED SOUTH FROM THIS POINT TO APPROXIMATELY 1952N 10342E (UTM UG654983), 2.8 NM NORTH FROM THE PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED (REF A) NORTHERN TERMINUS OF ROUTE 61. VEHICLE TRACKS WERE OBSERVED TO 1957N 10342E (UTM UH638078). [REDACTED]

(REF A) ROUTE 61 EXTENDED NORTHEAST FROM ROUTE 7 AT BAN BAN TO 1950N 10341E (UTM UG636937), AND WAS IN DISUSE. PHOTOGRAPHY OF

[REDACTED] REVEALS THIS ROAD TO STILL BE IN DISUSE NEAR ITS NORTHERN TERMINUS (THE ONLY SECTION IMAGED).

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